

## GETTING IN TOUCH WITH NEW DUTIES

### Attorney-General Pollard Acquainting Himself With State's Legal Cases.

The maiden appearance of the new Attorney-General of Virginia, John Garland Pollard, as the legal counsel for the Commonwealth, will be made at the March term of the Supreme Court of Appeals. In preparation for the opening of the term, Mr. Pollard and Assistant Attorney-General Christopher B. Garnett are busily engaged acquainting themselves with the cases in which the State is an interested party.

On April 13 Attorney-General Pollard and his assistant will appear before the United States Supreme Court to argue the attempt to reopen the part of West Virginia to reopen the West Virginia debt hearing, in which the Supreme Court rendered a decision favorable to Virginia in 1911. West Virginia secured an entire new corps of legal advisers and is making desperate effort to have the Supreme Court grant a rehearing. The exact nature of the grounds upon which a rehearing will be asked is not known, but they will be formally presented on April 13.

Attorney-General Pollard, on behalf of Virginia, will oppose vigorously the attempt to reopen the West Virginia debt hearing. The 1911 decision of the Supreme Court as final in the matter although West Virginia has not yet agreed to an adjustment of the debt controversy along the lines suggested in the decision. The sum involved was originally \$7,000,000 and represents that portion of Virginia's public debt in 1862, which, it is claimed, should have been assumed by West Virginia on its organization as a separate State. The accumulated interest on the \$7,000,000 principal brings the amount at issue to twenty-five million.

The habeas corpus hearing in the Rixey case, which was to have come up in the United States Supreme Court in the last week of January, has been postponed until the October term by agreement of counsel. Attorney-General Pollard or Mr. Garrett must appear in the case on behalf of the city of Alexandria. C. J. Rixey, who as president, is alleged to have wrecked an Alexandria bank, was adjudged insane before coming to trial. He was lodged in the Western State Hospital, at Staunton, temporarily and was afterward committed by Judge Barley to the Hospital for the Criminal Insane at Marion. His family has instituted habeas corpus proceedings to prevent his removal to Marion.

## FACTIONAL ROW IN NEWPORT NEWS

### Councilmen Charge Representatives With Rushing Through "John Brown Bill."

Newport News seems to have stirred up a factional fight with its representatives in the General Assembly that will equal that of Danville. Berryman Green, of Danville, has a bill pending making the commissioner of public works an elective officer and the City Council is standing by its prerogative of choosing that official. Now come all manner of charges from the City Council of Newport News against Delegate Milstead and Senator Holt. It is charged that they introduced a bill at the request of Police Justice J. D. G. Brown, of Newport News, intended to change the method of electing the police justice.

## TEACHER ATTACKED BY IRATE FATHER

### Uses Horsewhip and Pistol, but Athletic Professor Knocks Assailant Down.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Cape Charles, Va., February 4.—Because his son, a pupil at Cheriton High School, was disciplined by corporal punishment and sent home for misconduct during school hours, I. W. Baxter, constable of Cape Charles, made an attack this afternoon on Prof. J. A. Stone, principal of the school, with a horse whip, and then tried to shoot him. Baxter immediately upon learning of the punishment meted out to his son, drove to the school, walked to the entrance, horsewhipped and called for Prof. Stone. After being told by the professor that the boy had been beaten and punished, he proceeded to fling the whip with the horsewhip, but was knocked to the ground by the athletic and athletic professor's fist.

## ACTIVE MEASURES TO GET MEMBERS

### A. P. V. A. Would Increase Roll Because of Its Growing Expenses in Richmond.

At a meeting of the directory board of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, held yesterday morning in the John Marshall House, it was decided to take active measures to increase the membership in Richmond. This could be done by increasing expenditures in the association's work. The date for the annual tea was postponed until Easter week.

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The Newport News Daily Press reports a meeting of the Common Council that city on Tuesday night. Excited Councilmen proclaimed that Newport News had no representatives at all; that its Delegate and Senator "were the right kind of men to represent the people of the city." That the "Council had been ignored," and if it had not been for the newspapers they would have put the John Brown bill through and we would have known nothing of it. A resolution was adopted providing that the Mayor, president of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council and chairman of the legislative committee appear before the proper committee in Richmond and seek to have the bill defeated.

Delegate Milstead said yesterday that the charter amendment had the support of the newspapers and of many of the best people of Newport News. "It would give the new Council, fresh from the people," he explained, "the right to select the city officers instead of leaving the election, as under the present law, to come up about the time of the expiration of an old Council, thus blinding the incoming administration to officials it did not select."

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The death of Captain Barfoot, who was sixty-one years old, was not a surprise, for it was said that he was in a dying condition when he was removed to the hospital from his home, 614 South Pine Street, several days ago. He had been in poor health for several years, but only a few weeks ago was he forced to give up active duty. His death was due to cancer of the stomach.

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